# The Cleveland Museum of Art

Press Release

## Learn How to Collect and Care for Chinese Art

**The Cleveland Museum of Art presents a conference, Saturday, November 5, 1994**

**What do** J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Edward G. Robinson, Severance and Greta Millikin, and George and Martha Washington have in common? A love of Chinese art. From beautiful porcelains to brilliant jades, the arts of China have an enduring appeal that excites the eye and engages the mind. What's more, you don't need J. P. Morgan's bank account to collect important works of Chinese art.

**Opportunities for Collecting Chinese Art** is a one-day conference that will assess the past, present, and future of the collecting of Chinese art. The Cleveland Museum of Art offers the day in conjunction with the 1994 Asian Autumn exhibition, *New Objects/New Insights: Cleveland's Recent Chinese Acquisitions* (which closes December 31). Slide-illustrated talks by respected authorities will focus on the market and issues of quality, condition, and care. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters during the afternoon and to meet them informally at a closing reception.

**Learn what the Museum is collecting** in this area: view the free exhibition *New Objects/New Insights: Cleveland's Recent Chinese Acquisitions*. The show, featuring two dozen works added to the Museum's world-famous collection over the past five years, also introduces new interpretations based on recent archaeological discoveries in China.

**Registration** is $30 ($25 for Museum members, seniors, and students with ID) and includes all sessions. Those who have registered can pick up symposium materials on Friday, November 4, after 2:00 pm in the North Lobby. We regret that refunds cannot be made for cancellations. Please call 216/421-7340, ext. 464, for information.

**9:00 Registration and refreshments**

**9:30 Introduction**
J. Keith Wilson, Associate Curator of Chinese Art, The Cleveland Museum of Art

**9:45 Individual presentations**

9:45 *A Great Tradition: Cleveland Collectors of Chinese Art*
J. Keith Wilson

10:15 *Living with Chinese Things*
Wan-go H. C. Weng, Lyme, New Hampshire

10:45 *Caring for Chinese Objects*
Bruce Christman, Chief Conservator, The Cleveland Museum of Art

11:15 *Quality and Value in the Marketplace: Early Chinese Ceramics, Bronzes, and Jades*
Carol Connover, Vice President, Director of Chinese Works of Art Department, Sotheby's, New York

11:45 *Quality and Value in the Marketplace: Later Chinese Ceramics, Glass, and Decorative Art*
Theow-Huang Tow, Senior Vice President, Director of Chinese Works of Art Department, Christie's, New York

**12:15 Lunch**
(Participants are invited to view the exhibition *New Objects/New Insights*)

**2:00 Round-table discussion**

**3:00 Questions and answers**

**4:00 Reception**

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